



16<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 007549/17

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 I would like to know how much your police force spends per annum on policing football matches please? If you could tell me the costs for financial years a) 2012 b) 2013 c) 2014 d) 2015 e) 2016 f) 2017 I'd be most grateful. Thank you.
- 2 If you're able to break down the costs (where and what the money is spent on) and what contribution, if any, you get from the football clubs/ The FA, I'd be most grateful. Thank you.
- 3 If possible, are you also able to tell me the top 10 most expensive fixtures to police in a) 2012 b) 2013 c) 2014 d) 2015 e) 2016 f) 2017, please?

### Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have located the following information as relevant to your request.

Please see below charges made to Ipswich Town Football Club and Norwich City Football Club for the policing of matches.

Each match is assessed depending on the intelligence and information. The match is then categorised with regard to the policing which is agreed with the club. This can range from no policing requirement to significant numbers of officers being required. This is not finalised until 2-3 weeks before each match. Many factors are considered, for example, the football league, the league position, away supporter behaviour and promotion/relegation.

The timings and days of the matches will also impact on the match category.

Please note, these figures do not reflect the full costs of policing inside and outside of the grounds. There will be additional duties carried out on match days which will not be specifically identified as football duties and will therefore not be reflected in the costs. Other areas of work performed, such as time spent on Operational Planning, duty planning by the Resource Management Unit and other administration will not be included.

The figures have been provided by financial year and not by football season.

Financial Year	Norwich City	Ipswich Town
2012/13	£272,066	£163,221
2013/14	£257,972	£170,824

2014/15	£207,248	£147,177
2015/16	£236,852	£169,826
2016/17	£150,937	£68,800

The following expenditure has been identified and only includes costs relating to overtime, subsistence and mutual aid:-

	NORFOLK				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Overtime	£118,799	£96,328	£70,902	£107,088	£61,309
Transport Costs	£801	£4,776	£2,303	£1,603	£583
Catering/subsistence/equipment	£17,014	£14,053	£17,727	£11,053	£11,594
Mutual Aid from other forces	£16,365	£13,538	£3,528	£31,639	£5,141
<b>Total</b>	<b>£152,979</b>	<b>£128,695</b>	<b>£94,460</b>	<b>£151,383</b>	<b>£78,627</b>

	SUFFOLK				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Overtime	£72,218	£92,490	£63,598	£123,785	£80,165
Transport Costs	£192	£145	£290	£1,684	£676
Catering/subsistence/equipment	£8,390	£6,096	£6,267	£22,908	£19,238
Mutual Aid from other forces	£3,508	0	0	£24,921	£27,033
<b>Total</b>	<b>£84,308</b>	<b>£98,731</b>	<b>£70,155</b>	<b>£173,298</b>	<b>£127,112</b>

The costs held are not broken down by individual matches. The most expensive matches, in respect of police resources, are the local derby matches between Norwich City Football Club and Ipswich Town Football Club.

This response will be published on the Constabularies web-site under the Freedom of Information pages:-

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/disclosure-log>  
<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/freedom-information/disclosure-logs>

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Amanda Gibson, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the 'Office of Public Sector Information' web-site;  
<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/>

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Your Right to Request a Review of Decisions Made Under the Terms of the  
Freedom of Information Act (2000).

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled, or if you think the decision is incorrect, you have the right to ask the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 20 days of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Requests for a review should be made in writing and addressed to:

*Freedom of Information Decision Maker  
Information Management Department  
Norfolk Constabulary  
Operations and Communications Centre  
Jubilee House  
Falconers Chase  
Wymondham  
Norfolk NR18 0WW  
OR  
Email: [freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk)*

In all possible circumstances Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your request for us to look at our decision again within 20 working days of receipt of your request for an internal review.

The Information Commissioner.

After lodging a request for a review with Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) or contact them at the address shown below:

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Water Lane  
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